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This is a decision on the petition filed October 12, 2001, to accord the above-identified application a filing date of March 14, 2001, instead of July 13, 2001.

The petition is **granted**.

The application was filed on March 14, 2001, and was given a filing date of March 14, 2001. A Notice of Missing Parts was mailed on May 30, 2001. On July 13, 2001, petitioner filed a response to the Notice of Missing Parts. Apparently, due to an error by an employee of the Patent and Trademark Office, the filing date was incorrectly changed to July 13, 2001, after the response to the Notice was received. The correct filing date for the application is March 14, 2001.

The Office apologizes for any inconvenience caused to applicants.

The file is now being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination to accord the application a filing date of March 14, 2001. The file will subsequently be forwarded to Technology Center 3700, Art Unit 3729, for further processing.

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